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Serial No.: 09/668,026  
Filing Date: September 21, 2000  
Group Art Unit: 2131  
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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Prior to the initial review of the above-identified Application for Patent, kindly amend—this Application as follows. Please refer to the attached sheets showing a marked-up version of the amendments to Specification and Claims.

**IN THE SPECIFICATION:**

Please replace the paragraph beginning on line 21 of page 10 with the following paragraph:

(Amended) In accordance with the present invention there is introduced the concept of Limited One-Way Functions, which are used to create computational terms barriers. The invention utilizes functions that are strongly asymmetric in nature, in terms of work to compute and work to invert. This class of functions, however, is not required to be completely intractable, but alternatively should have some measurable difference in the



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